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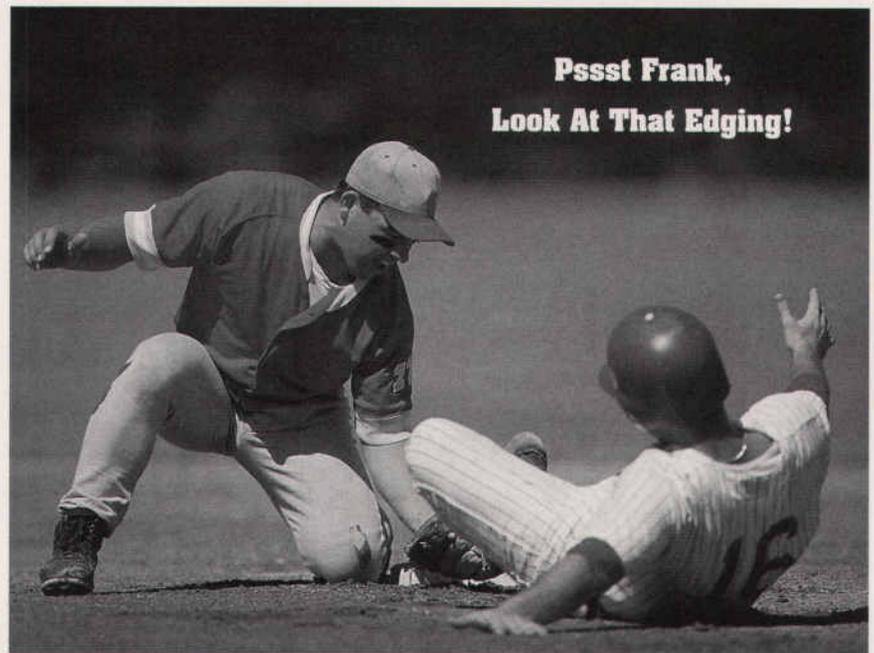
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Doug Gallant is head groundskeeper for the Cincinnati Reds and their new home, Great American Ball Park. He took a few minutes during preparation for their opener to talk to SPORTSTURF:

Q: How did you get started working with turf? Who was your mentor?

A: I started in sports turf when I was 17 working for Worthington City (OH) schools. Tim Gerhring, Dave Wickline, and Kevin Boll really gave me every opportunity to learn as much as I wanted at a young age. I was fortunate because the fields we maintained were considered high profile and we had the resources to do the necessary aerification, topdressing, fertility, etc. I worked around classes and in the summers for 6 years. After graduating from Ohio State I landed a job with The Motz Group and built on my knowledge by working on a variety of fields

all across the country.

I do not have one mentor. There have definitely been many people that have influenced me and have helped me along the way. It seems at every step along the way good people have been there to help me move to the next step. In the early years it was the staff at Worthington and then Joe Motz really took over from there and here I am. My wife, Lisa, has also always been there to encourage and support me along the way.

Q: What was your biggest challenge last year?

A: My biggest challenge last year was modifying our infield dirt. After several trial and errors we got it to meet the players expectations and they really liked the way it played. This year we have the challenge of opening a new ballpark and everyone who has been through that knows all the challenges that entails.

Q: How do you get the most out of your crew?

A: I think the best way to get the most out of any crew is to lead by example. I would never ask a crewmember to do anything I have not done myself. I try to do as much as possible to spread the workload evenly so no one person is burdened with more work than anyone else does. A head groundskeeper is only as good as his crew.

Q: What do you do to relax away from your field?

A: Away from the field I love to spend as much time with my wife and kids as possible. I enjoy my time at our house that is located in a rural county 45 miles east of Cincinnati. We live in a tight knit community and I enjoy helping where I can.

Q: What advice do you have for turf managers?

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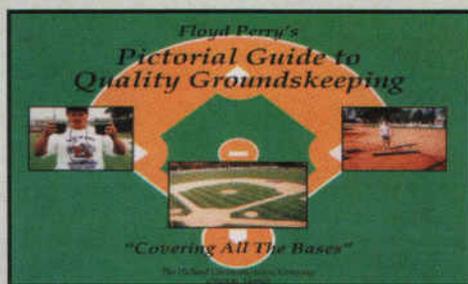
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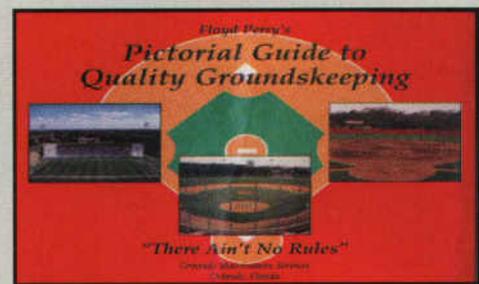
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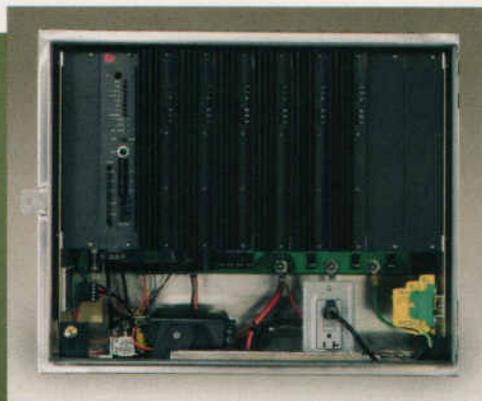
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SAFE Foundation endorses infill research project

During the 2002 STMA meeting in Las Vegas, the SAFE Foundation listed research projects on infilled synthetic turf systems as one of its research goals. We currently are conducting research at Penn State to meet those goals by evaluating the playing surface characteristics of various infilled systems over time and over several simulated wear intensities.

There is limited research on infilled systems available. Much of the data that is available has been generated by accelerated testing methods where the surface is exposed to several hours of very intensive wear that is supposed to simulate 5+ years of use. Our study is different. The plots will stay in place and be exposed to the elements and to typical levels of simulated use. We plan to conduct this study for up to 8 years.

Surface evaluation will occur at numerous designated dates throughout each playing season and will include evaluation during moisture and temperature extremes. Evaluation will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Surface hardness using both the ASTM F 355 method and the Clegg impact tester (2.25 kg missile).
- Traction using PENNFOOT at varying loading weights (90 to 300 lbs.) and using different shoe types.
- Relative abrasiveness of the surface using ASTM F 1015 method.
- Turf system ball bounce and ball rebound as well as rolling resistance (speed) using ASTM 1551 suffix 31.

The objective of the study is *not* to somehow announce a "winner." It is possible that the study will identify the conditions that affect the various systems (e.g., product X might have higher traction on a cold day, under no wear, using a Nike Destroyer and a 280 lb loading weight, when first installed; while Product Z ends up having a higher traction on a warm day under high wear, using an Adidas turf shoe and a 170 lb loading weight after 2 years of medium wear).

This project will likely generate an enormous amount of data on the performance of the various infilled systems and will be available via the internet to provide consumers non-biased data on which to base their decisions. Since the study is just getting underway, initial results will be available to the public this fall.

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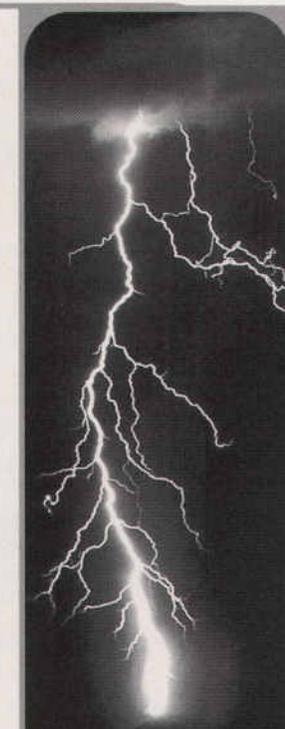
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Midwest Chapter conducts Irrigation Workshop

BY MIKE SCHILLER, CSFM

The Midwest Chapter of STMA, with the help of Hunter Industries and Pro's Choice Soilmaster, sponsored a comprehensive Irrigation Workshop February 20-21. Seventy attendees from all over the Midwest participated.

The 2-day workshop started with Dr. Hank Wilkinson of the University of Illinois teaching the basic principles of soils and how they relate to athletic field management and to proper irrigation management of our athletic fields.

A long time friend of the STMA, Lynda Wightman of Hunter Industries, followed Dr. Wilkinson. Lynda covered the basics of irrigation systems from design work all the way through installation of the correct system to fit your athletic field needs and budget restraints.

Karl Smith, Mike Clark, and Jeff Mgebhoff of Hunter Industries also took turns at updating our knowledge of what makes up a successful irrigation system. During breakout sessions attendees learned what to specify as well as how to trouble shoot and make repairs. Good food and wonderful conversations helped make a successful 2-day workshop. The Midwest Chapter is very



grateful to Lynda, Mike, Karl, Jeff and Hunter Industries for helping make this a successful event.

We are very grateful as well to Dave Cygan of Pro's Choice for helping sponsor our event and helping arrange for Dr. Wilkinson to be part of the event.

The board would also like to thank Libby and Ted Baker for all their hard work in organizing the event and following through with all the paperwork and attention to detail that helped make this a great educational seminar.

More to come

The Midwest Chapter is in the process of putting together two events for the coming year. We hope to have

an Aerification, Overseeding and Fertilization Session in mid-May, details to come soon.

We are also in the process of putting together a fall workshop on how to put your baseball field to rest after the season. This session is being planned for mid-September.

For further information call the chapter hotline.

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STMA Chapter News

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet at the new Rough Riders facility in Frisco May 6. In the planning stages is a Round Table Topics Day to be held at the Texas A & M Extension Center. For information, or pending activities, contact Kathy Cassmeyer at 972-603-2869 or Katherine.Cassmeyer@lmco.com, or visit www.ntstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: On May 6, ITI will co-host a Demonstration Day at the University of Iowa recreation fields and Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. ISTMA will meet at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines June 24.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Jeff Wendel of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Jeff@iowaturfgrass.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet May 9 in Grand Junction. A Seminar is planned for June 19 at Sky Sox Stadium in Colorado Springs. Attendees will have the option of taking in a ballgame following the seminar.

The World Famous Lawnmower Man Open will be held at Heritage at the Westmore Golf Course July 22.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website, www.CSTMA.org or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954, or contact Chapter president Phil McQuade at 303-237-7188 or pmcquade@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Florida Chapter # 1: The Chapter will meet at Ft. Lauderdale Stadium May 13. Host for this event is Robert Dexter.

For information on the Chapter, or pending activities,

contact John Mascaro at 954-341-3115 or STMA@Turf-Tec.com.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): The MAFMO Chapter will meet May 27 at George Mason University, home of the STMA 2002 College/University Baseball Field of the Year. For information on this event, email Nick Gammill at ngammill@american.edu.

For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or other pending activities, call the Hotline at 866-818-8873.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Chapter will hold a Seminar May 20 at Northwestern University's Lakeside Field Complex. Along with other events, the Seminar will include demonstrations by several manufacturers of their aerification and topdressing equipment.

For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website, <http://mestma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold an event to include: a mini field day, facilities tour, general meeting, softball challenge and lunch, all beginning at 11:00 am June 4 at Big League Dreams in Chino Hills.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University - Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The Chapter will hold a Summer Field Day in conjunction with the Kentucky Chapter at the Cincinnati Reds' Great American Ballpark June 10. Speakers will include: Lynda Wightman from Hunter Industries, STMA president Bob Campbell from the University of Tennessee, Doug Gallant from the Reds, and Pam Sherratt from OSU. Afternoon events will include a tour of the Great American Ballpark and of Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 888-824-9805 or 419-824-9805 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.ostma.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will join in a joint meeting with the Ohio Chapter June 10 at the Great American Ballpark, home of the Cincinnati Reds.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@batsbaseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning a spring event to be hosted by Bill Findley of the St. Louis Cardinals. More details will be announced soon.

The Gateway and Mo-Kan Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first-ever MU SportsTurf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Please see the Mo-Kan Chapter block for additional details.

For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The Mo-Kan and Gateway Chapters of the STMA, in association with the University of Missouri, will present the first-ever MU SportsTurf Field Day June 11 at the MU Turfgrass Research Center in Columbia, MO. Registration begins at 8:30, with sessions from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Field Day will concentrate only on sports turf-related research activities at the MU Turfgrass Research Center including skinned infield materials, preliminary results of the bermudagrass overseeding and transition trials and more. You will have the opportunity to share ideas with sports turf managers from St. Louis and surrounding areas as we tour a number of MU athletic facilities in the afternoon. Arrangements are being made for optional Motorcoach transportation from Kansas City to Columbia.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121 or JGill2@bv229.k12.ks.us.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Chapter is planning a June meeting at Birmingham Public Schools. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's website.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter is planning an event at Texas A&M in College Station. Details will be announced soon.

For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Tim Loesch at 210-207-3734 or TLoesch@alamodome.com.

Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will hold a Field Day at Safeco Field August 19. More details will be announced soon.

For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at JayW@Seahawks.com or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: chris@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or tel. 480-312-7956.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, call Michael Tarantino at 858-679-2526 or MTarantino@powayusd.com.

Georgia Sports Turf Managers

Association: For information on the chapter or upcoming events, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or gstama@earthlink.net.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Chapter, or pending activities, contact Stan Moscrip, Indiana University, at 812-856-2256 or smoscrip@indiana.edu.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers

Organization (KAFMO/STMA): The KAFMO Sports Turf Managers' School will be held June 23-25 at Lebanon Valley College in Annville. The School will provide classroom and hands-on sessions about baseball infield

maintenance and renovation, turf management, aeration techniques, overseeding, soil biology and fertility, and much more.

For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.

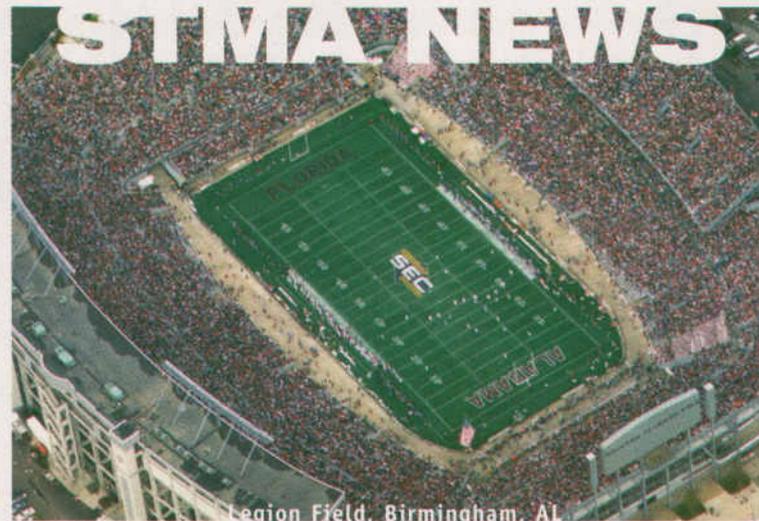
Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call Loren Humphrey at: 402-461-2324 or email to lhumphrey@cityofhastings.org.

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, call SFMANJ at 908-730-7770 or Eleanora Murfitt at 908-236-9118; or e-mail to HQ@sfmanj.org.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Chapter president Bob Elliott, Tieco, at 800-239-9547 or Glenn Lucas at 800-837-8062; email to Glenn@tvstma.org, or visit the chapter's website: www.tvstma.org.

Chapters on the Grow

New York: For information on the chapter forming in Central New York, contact Kevin Meredith, National Soccer Hall of Fame, at e-mail: Kevin@wpe.com or at tel. 607-432-2953.



Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: The Wisconsin Chapter is planning a major event for July 11. Morning sessions will be held at St. Norbert College. The afternoon events will be held at the legendary Lambeau Field.

For more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, contact Chris Brindley at 715-346-3622 or cbrindle@uwsp.edu.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota and Iowa Chapters will hold their annual Chapter Clash July 11-12. This year the events will take place in Minnesota. The MN Chapter's annual Tour on Wheels will be held August 13 and will again incorporate a St. Paul Saints game.

For information on the Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, at 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Chapter will meet July 15-16 at the University of Virginia. On July 15, attendees will tour UV's Scott Stadium and Harrison Field. The Field Day educational sessions and demonstrations will take place on July 16. STMA president Bob Campbell, CSFM, will be the featured speaker.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Bob Studholme, Fairfax County Park Authority via e-mail: Robert.Studholme@FairfaxCounty.gov or at 703/324-8590.

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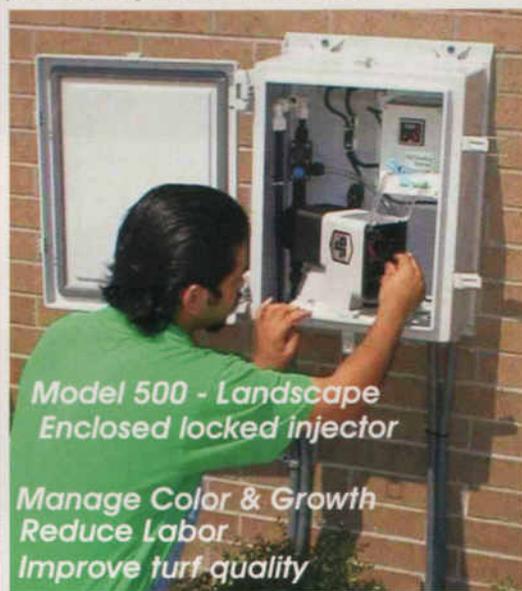
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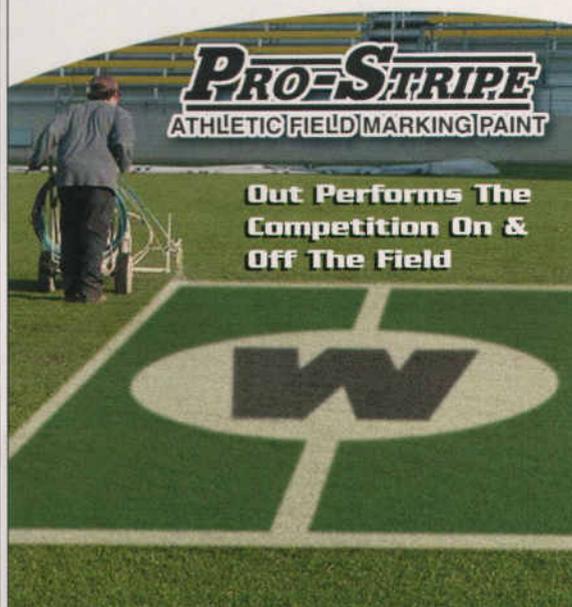
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